Claims

1. A wheel retention device comprising:

a base adapted for mounting on a rack and including an open cavity having a central axis, said open cavity being sized to receive a portion of a wheel therein; and

a retention ring mounted on said base, said retention ring adapted to rotate generally around said central axis so as to enclose said cavity and secure a wheel therein.

- 2. A wheel retention device according to claim 1 wherein said open cavity is sized to receive a portion of a rim and a tire of a bicycle wheel therein.
- 3. A wheel retention device according to claim 1 wherein said base includes a generally cylindrical outer surface and wherein said retention ring is adapted to rotate generally around said cylindrical outer surface.

wherein said retention device according to claim 3 wherein said retention ring extends circumferentially approximately 270° around said central axis.

wherein said outer surface includes a groove formed therein, said retention ring being rotationally mounted within said groove.

6. A wheel retention device according to claim 5 wherein said groove includes beveled surfaces and wherein said retention ring includes mating beveled surfaces such that the retention ring is nominally

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positioned with said mating beveled surfaces aligned with said beveled surfaces.

- 7. A wheel retention device according to claim 1 wherein said open cavity includes a shoulder so as to mount said base on said rack.
 - 8. A rack for securing a wheeled vehicle therein, comprising:
- a first wheel well adapted for receiving a first wheel of the wheeled vehicle therein;

a second wheel well operatively connected to said first wheel well, said second wheel well comprising a channel; and

a wheel retention device including a base adapted for mounting on said channel and a retention ring mounted on said base, said retention ring adapted to rotate with respect to said base so as to retain a second wheel of a wheeled vehicle within said base thereby securing the wheeled vehicle to the rack.

- 9. A rack for securing a wheeled vehicle according to claim 8 wherein said base includes a central opening extending therethrough, said central opening adapted for receiving a wheel therein.
- 10. A rack for securing a wheeled vehicle according to claim 9 wherein said retention ring is adapted to rotate with respect to said base so as to enclose said central opening thereby securing a wheel therein.
- 11. A rack for securing a wheeled vehicle according to claim 8 wherein said base includes a periphery and a groove formed therein, said retention ring being mounted within said groove.

12. A rack for securing a wheeled vehicle according to claim 11 wherein said groove includes beveled surfaces and wherein said retention ring includes mating beveled surfaces such that the retention ring is nominally stationarily positioned with respect to said base.

13. A rack for securing a wheeled vehicle according to claim 8 wherein said retention ring extends circumferentially approximately 270° about a central axis of said base.

14. A rack for securing a wheeled vehicle according to claim 9 wherein said central opening includes a shoulder so as to mount said base on said channel.

15. A method of securing a wheeled vehicle to a rack comprising the steps of:

placing a first wheel of the wheeled vehicle in a first wheel well of the rack;

placing a second wheel of the wheeled vehicle in a second wheel well of the rack, said second wheel well having a wheel retention device mounted thereon;

rotating a retention wheel of said wheel retention device with respect to a base of said wheel retention device so as to retain the wheel within the base and thereby secure the wheeled vehicle to the rack.

16. A method of securing a wheeled vehicle to a rack according to claim 15 wherein said base includes a central cavity extending therethrough, said central cavity adapted for receiving a wheel therein.

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17. A method of securing a wheeled vehicle to a rack according to claim 16 wherein said retention ring is adapted to rotate with respect to said base so as to enclose said central cavity.

18. A method of securing a wheeled vehicle to a rack according to claim 15 wherein said base includes a periphery and a groove formed therein, said retention ring being mounted within said groove.

19. A method of securing a wheeled vehicle to a rack according to claim 18 wherein said groove includes beveled surfaces and wherein said retention ring includes mating beveled surfaces such that the retention ring is nominally stationarily positioned with respect to said base.

20. A method of securing a wheeled vehicle to a rack according to claim 15 wherein said retention ring extends circumferentially approximately 270° about a central axis of said base.